GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Women Fighter Pilots
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering to induct women fighter pilots in the armed forces;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the total number of women pilots undergoing trial training at present;

(c) whether the women pilots were eager to join the regular fighter aircrafts fleet; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MANOHAR PARRIKAR)

(a) to (d): Government has accorded approval for women to join as Short Service Commission Officers in the fighter stream of the Indian Air Force on experimental basis for a period of five years. Three women trainees have volunteered and have been inducted in the Fighter Stream and are undergoing training.
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